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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PASSIVE OPTICAL NETWORK SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Sir:

Concurrently filed with this amendment is a request for continued examination (RCE) together with a check for the fees required for granting the RCE, and the entry and consideration of this amendment. If additional fees are required to grant the request, or to gain entry and consideration of this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Attorney's Deposit Account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

In response to the Advisory Action mailed January 4, 2005, and the office action mailed August 6, 2004, the applicant requests entry and consideration of the following amendment to place the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

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